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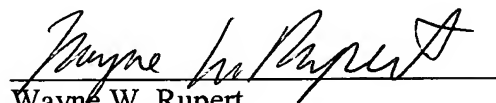
The restriction/election of species requirement mailed February 18, 2005, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Applicants hereby elect Group I in response to the restriction requirement. The requirement indicated that claims 1-11 and 20 belonged in Group I. Claims 12 and 21 have been amended to be dependent from claim 1. Hence, claims 12-19 and 21 also now belong in Group I. New claims 28-40 also belong in Group I. Applicants hereby elect the hemicalcium salt of the boronic acid of the formula Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂ in response to the election of species requirement. The hemicalcium salt of Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂ is described in the application, for example, on page 22, line 23, original claim 11 and page 92, lines 23-25. Claims 1-40 read upon the elected species.

Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Cordero Garcia is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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